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***CARDIN, MIKULSKI APPLAUD SENATE PASSAGE OF
RESOLUTION HONORING UMD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – **U.S. Senators Benjamin L. Cardin** and **Barbara A. Mikulski** (both D-Md.) today celebrated the Senate’s unanimous passage of their resolution honoring the University of Maryland School of Medicine on its 200th anniversary and recognizing the School for its outstanding contributions to the field of medicine and medical research. Earlier this year, Congressman Elijah E. Cummings (D-Md.) introduced a companion resolution in the House of Representatives. A vote on that resolution is expected in the coming weeks.

“The University of Maryland School of Medicine has been at the forefront of training America’s leading medical professionals for 200 years,” said **Senator Cardin**. “I am proud to stand with my colleagues as we salute this great institution and one of our nation’s greatest treasures of quality healthcare, education, research and patient care.”

“The University of Maryland School of Medicine has been a leader in medical education for 200 years. Its pioneering spirit and tradition of excellence has led to great discoveries and new cures that have saved countless lives in Maryland and around the world,” said **Senator Mikulski**. “That’s why I am proud the Senate has passed this resolution to honor this great institution’s outstanding contributions to medical research, patient care, education and community service.”

The University of Maryland School of Medicine was the first public school of medicine established in the United States. A pioneer in medical education, it was also the first medical school in the country to build a teaching hospital for clinical instruction, the first to establish a medical library, and the first school to offer courses in preventive care.

Today, the University of Maryland School of Medicine is home to 25 academic departments, seven research centers and treats over 1 million patients a year. In addition to its outstanding work in research and medicine, the school also boasts 250,000 hours of community service contributed by faculty and staff annually.

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